(b) if so, what steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Dumping of seeds by multinational Corporations under new seeds import policy

354. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently given a Carteblanche to multinational Corporations to dump their seeds without necessary quarantine facilities and seeds of a possible biological nightmare in the new seed import policy;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) how far it is likely to affect the food production in the country; and

(d) whether Government propose to reverse its decision; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Increase in the Import Duty on Newsprint

355. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken a decision to increase import duty on newsprint to 40 per cent in the near future;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether the increase of import duty on newsprint would be disastrous consequences for the press and further decline in the growth of circulation of newspapers in the country; and

(d) whether Government propose to withdraw the proposed duty to save the newspapers; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) No Sir.

(b) to (d) *Do not arise.*

Permission for skyscrappers in Delhi

356. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken to allow skyscrappers in Delhi in violation of the Master Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that there has been a strong resentment against this policy;

(d) if so, whether some changes are going to be made in the matter; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (e) Guidelines about regulating high rise construction in Delhi have been recently issued by the Government after considering various points of view. Concerned local bodies have advised to incorporate these guidelines in their bye-laws and regulations after completing the prescribed legal formalities which include the issue of public notices inviting suggestions and objections

from the members of the public which will be considered by the prescribed authorities.

Report on redevelopment of bungalow areas in New Delhi

357. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the report of the Ministry on the redevelopment of bungalow areas in New Delhi has been considered by Government; and

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations made in the report; and the reasons for the delay in taking a decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The Government has not yet taken a view on the recommendations make by the Working Group, constituted to recommend the lines on which the redevelopment of zones D.11 and D.12 of New Delhi should take place, in its report submitted to Government recently.

(b) The report basically recommends redensification of the area, while retaining its garden city characteristics.

Inclusion of Muslim Community in Backward Classes

358. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether backward classes are recognied on the basis of religon also;

(b) the names of States which have recognised Muslim Community as a backward class;

(c) the names of the States which have introduced reservation in employment in favour of the Muslim community on the grounds of backwardness; and

(d) the extent of reservation in each case?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) No list of Backward Classes other than those belonging to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes is maintained by the Central Government.

(b) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Growth rate in Production of Cereals

359. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the growth rate in the production of cereals was about 3.1 per cent from 1949-50 to 1964-65 but declined to 2.6 per cent from 1967-68 to 1984-85;

(b) what are the fact and impact thereof on the Indian economy; and

(c) what is the trend now and how does it compare with the previous two and in (a) above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) Growth rate in the production of cereals was 3.24 percent per annum from 1949-50 to 1964-65 and 2.92 per cent per annum from 1967-68 to 1984-85. The decline in the growth rate of production of cereals is only marginal and is still higher than the rate of growth of population. As such, it did not affect the growth of Indian economy adversely.